



# PARTNERING TOGETHER



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## **FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**

The Family Partnership was formed by Special Health Care Needs (SHCN), of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, to enhance the relationship between SHCN and the families they serve. The Family Partnership also provides support and information to these families and an opportunity for families of individuals with special health care needs to connect with each other.

The Family Partnership members include individuals with special health care needs, as well as, parents, family members or legal guardians. The Partnership has three professional Family Partners who share responsibility for each of SHCN's service areas. The Family Partners are parents of special needs individuals served by SHCN. In addition to providing information and resources to local members, they serve as the Partnership's contact person for their designated areas. They plan, schedule, and facilitate the Family Partnership meetings.

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## **WORKSHOPS & RESOURCES**

**Metropolitan Council on Developmental  
Disabilities Outreach & Advocacy Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Kansas City Regional Center  
Contact: 816-889-3422 for more information

**Metropolitan Council on Developmental  
Disabilities Council Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Kansas City Regional Center  
Contact: 816-889-3422 for more information

**MPACT Free Trainings:**  
\*July 31, 9-11 am \*Writing Measurable Goals\*  
  
\*August 1, 9-11 am \*Transition from  
1st Steps to Early Childhood\*  
  
\*August 2, 9-11am \*Understanding ADHD\*  
  
All trainings provided by MPACT-Missouri  
Parents Act are certified by DESE- Department of  
Elementary and Secondary Education  
Contact: Georgia at: [gmueller@ptiMpact.com](mailto:gmueller@ptiMpact.com)  
or calling 816-531-7070.

**Family Partnership Website:**  
<http://www.dhss.mo.gov/FamilyPartnership/>

## **UPCOMING RETREAT**

Please watch your email or mail for upcoming information on our next family retreat.

## **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

[www.Missouri.NetworkOfCare.org](http://www.Missouri.NetworkOfCare.org)

Find LOCAL information on programs and services literally at your fingertips as you navigate through this site, including

- \*A Service Directory to connect you to the care you need
- \*A Library with information on more than 4,000 health topics
- \*A bill-tracking system to help you follow state and federal legislation
- \*Links to government programs and non-profit organizations
- \*Insurance information

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## **Organizations to know about.....**

**Camp Fire USA Heartland Council** - A United Way agency, founded in 1913 as the first regional Camp Fire council in the United States. Camp Fire USA challenges parents and youth to build character, adopt strong values, develop positive life skills and exercise responsibility to family and community.  
913-648-2121

**Metropolitan Council on Developmental Disabilities** - The Metropolitan Council on Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) serves as a \*grassroot\* advocacy organization for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families residing within the following Missouri counties: Bates, Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, and Ray. They also serve as the Region IV Advisory Council, established in RSMO 633.045, to the Department of Mental Health, Division of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities/Kansas City Regional Center.  
816-889-3422

**Missouri Assistive Technology** - The mission of Missouri Assistive Technology is to increase access to assistive technology for Missourians with all types of disabilities, of all ages.  
816-373-5193